

considered along with claims 26-35.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 25 as follows (a clean copy of claim 25 is attached as an appendix).

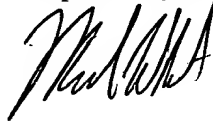
Claim 25 (once amended). A rod lens array including at least one rod lens having a center-line-average roughness of $0.5\mu\text{m}$ - $2.0\mu\text{m}$ on the peripheral surface.

REMARKS

The Group III invention has been elected with partial traverse. Based on the above amendment, the election, and the explanations, claims 25-35 should now be under consideration.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

CLEAN COPY OF THE AMENDED CLAIM

25. A rod lens array including at least one rod lens having a center-line-average roughness of $0.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ - $2.0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ on the peripheral surface.
